GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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TAKING OVER OF MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a)whether the approval of the concerned State Government is obtained before any monument is taken over by the ASI; and

(b)if not, the statutory provision that empowers the Government to take over these structures on its own initiative?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)&(b) Under the provisions of Section 4 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958, the Central Government has the powers to declare any ancient monument or archaeological site and remains which has been in existence for not less than one hundred years, to be of national importance.